



Learn, Live, Believe

*St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School
Ysgol Gynradd Gatholig Santes Bernadette
We are a Christ centred community reaching out to
others. We learn, grow and celebrate together.*

Weekly Newsletter

7th Tachwedd 2025

Welcome back, and may God bless our school family in the days ahead.

We are delighted to welcome you back for a new school term filled with learning, growth, and joy. As we gather once again as a community of faith, we give thanks for the blessings of friendship, knowledge, and the love of Christ that guides us each day.

This term, we look forward with hope and anticipation as we prepare for the season of **Advent**. Advent is a special time for reflection, prayer, and readiness as we await the coming of our Saviour. Together, let us open our hearts to God's presence, showing kindness, patience, and love in all that we do.

Thank you to our families and friends who joined us for our joyous Jubilee Mass with Fr. Keith, as we celebrated being *pilgrims of hope*. It was truly a blessing to come together as a school and parish community, united in faith and thanksgiving.

May the spirit of this Jubilee continue to inspire us all as we walk forward in faith and hope.

A Prayer for Pilgrims of Hope

Loving God,

Thank You for walking with us every day.

Help us to be pilgrims of hope,
sharing kindness, joy, and peace with everyone we meet.

Guide our steps as we follow Jesus,
and fill our hearts with love and courage.

Amen.





Christmas Fayre – Save the Date!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're excited to let you know that our **Christmas Fayre will be held on Wednesday 3rd December**. It promises to be a fun-filled event for all the family, with plenty of festive cheer! We are now gratefully receiving **donations of raffle prizes and bottles for the tombola**. If you're able to contribute, please send items in with your child or drop them off at the school office.

Bottle donations can include alcohol (to be handed to an adult) shampoo, conditioner, body cream, condiments etc.

If you're available to help out on the day or in the run-up to the event, we'd love to hear from you. Please let the office know if you can lend a hand.

Thank you for your continued support – we can't wait to celebrate the season together!

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

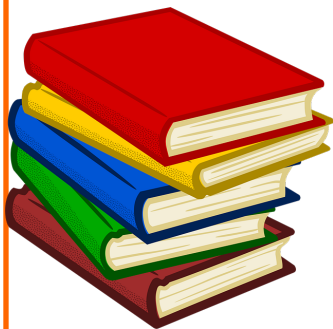
Come to the BOOK FAIR

and earn FREE BOOKS
for our school!



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Scholastic Book Fair is Coming!

We're excited to announce that the Scholastic Book Fair will be held at school from **Thursday 13th November to Thursday 20th November.**



Opening Times:

- **Morning:** 8:25 – 8:40
- **After School:** 3:20 – 3:35

It's a wonderful opportunity for children to explore and purchase books they'll love. **Both cash and card payments** will be accepted. Thank you for supporting our school and encouraging a love of reading!

Meithrin

In the nursery this week we have been exploring the Scripture of Luke 1:26-31,38, The Annunciation story. Sharing Mary's joy at being chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus and How God invited her to be the mother of Jesus and she said 'YES'



The children especially enjoyed thinking of the Angel Gabriel taking His message to Mary. We made angel wings with each child making a feather with YES on it to remind us of Mary's grace and courage.

Stars of the week:



Morning Nursery is: Alfie has had an awesome start to the term. He has been amazing at tooth brushing and really loves dancing and singing in the classroom. He is really loved by everyone, he is a team player and is our very own super star! Big congrats Alfie



Afternoon Nursery : Ayryn is new to use and has settled in really well, it's like she has always been with us. She has a sharp wit and has a great sense of fun. She joins in whole heartily with all the singing and dancing and is always keen to learn. She takes part in everything! We are looking forward to the rest of the year with her.

Derbyn

In Reception this week we have been carrying out Science experiments to try and predict how a rocket moves through the air and how far it can fly.



Stars of the week: Harrison.
Harrison has been excellent in all areas of learning this and has showed a good attitude towards learning new things. Well Done Harrison!

Blwydynn 1

This week, Year 1 received a very special message from a gentle and wise friend—Sofia the Sloth! She invited us to become stewards of God’s world, encouraging us to care for creation with kindness, creativity, and purpose.

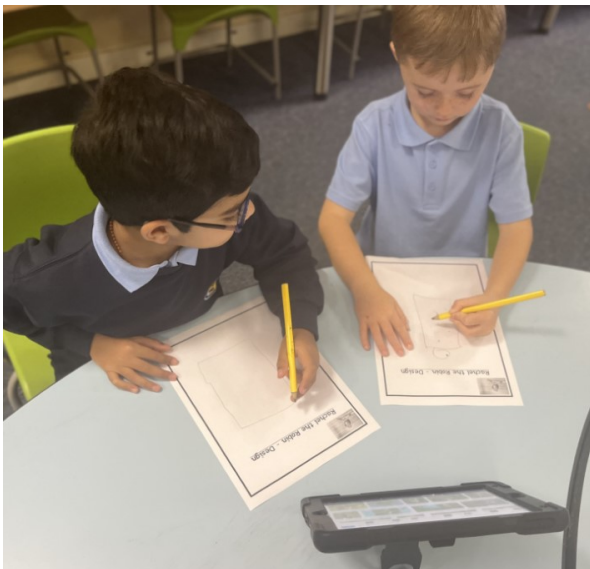
Our first mission was to help Rachel the Robin feed her hungry chicks. To do this, we set out to design and make bird feeders using recycled plastic bottles. It was a wonderful opportunity to combine environmental care with hands-on learning.

We began by exploring different materials to investigate whether they were waterproof. After careful testing, we chose the most suitable material to keep our bird feeders dry and durable.



Next, we researched a variety of bird feeder designs and discussed what features would help Rachel and her family the most. Each child then created their own design brief, outlining their ideas and plans with thoughtful detail and imagination.

With our designs ready, we’ll soon begin building our feeders and placing them around the school grounds—ready to welcome Rachel and her feathered friends!



Thank you for supporting our mission to care for God’s world. We’re so proud of the children’s enthusiasm, teamwork, and growing understanding of how small actions can make a big difference.



Seren Yr Wythnos: Sophia R - Sofia has impressed us with her creativity this week, especially when designing her bird feeder. She always tries her very best, and we are so proud of her enthusiasm in all aspects of her learning. Da iawn!

Blwyddyn 2



This week we have been learning about Baptism in Year 2.

Baptism is a sacrament. That means it is a special way God shows His love."

We had a letter delivered to our classroom from a baby called 'Grace'. Nyra opened and read out the letter beautifully for us.

Grace was baptised last Sunday but couldn't remember much about it. She asked if we could help her understand what happened and what all the special things mean.

We had to do some role play and research to find out why the special symbols and signs used in Baptism are so important.

This is what we told Grace:


When we are baptised, we become part of God's family and are welcomed into the Church.

The priest pours holy water on your head and says "I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

You wear a white garment to show you are clean and new in God's love. The baptism candle shows that Jesus is the light of the world.

Here is some of our work.



 **Seren yr Wythnos:** Aaria has been amazing. She is working so hard in all of her lessons and she has been such a great friend to others in her class.
Bendegidig Aaria

Blwyddyn 3

Welsh Water visited school this week and did an assembly and workshop for us. We have found out how to keep our pipes clean and how waters is used in our homes and schools. .



Stars of the week: Jacob Z. Jacob has taken great pride in the presentation of his work, especially when setting out his column additions and subtractions. Great job Jacob!

Blwydynn 4

This week, Year 4 were excited to welcome a special visitor from Welsh Water! During the session, we discovered how water is cleaned and transported to our homes, schools and communities.

We also learned about the importance of keeping our drains clear to prevent blockages and ensure that water can flow freely. The children took part in a hands-on workshop where they measured different pipes and used their numeracy skills to calculate how much each one would cost.

Working together, we created our very own Welsh town, where the challenge was to successfully pump water to every source. A task that took teamwork, problem-solving, and plenty of laughter!

It was a fantastic learning experience and we came away with a deeper understanding of why clean water is so important — not just for us but also for protecting our environment and marine life.



Star of the Week: Arlo.

Arlo has tried exceptionally hard to focus and share his own opinions in our discussions this week. His identity poem was a beautiful piece of work that reflected his bubbly, energetic and funny personality. Keep it up. We are so proud of you!

Blwyddyn 5

This week we have started our Eco Fortnight with a **Mission!** Our Year 5 mission is to help David Attenborough with his new TV series all about Bees. We have learnt about endangered animals, explored what causes animals like bees to become endangered and started to think about what we can do to make a difference. We can't wait to show you what we have done in the coming weeks.



Welsh Water also visited us for an assembly and a workshop where we found out about water usage and the process that takes place for us to have clean, useable water in our homes, schools and communities.



Seren yr Wythnos in blwyddyn 5: Seren yr Wythnos this week is Corben who has been a fantastic role model and positive influence on us all. His enthusiasm for our Welsh Water workshop, along with his knowledge of the natural world, particularly plants, has been a joy to witness and he has taught us all so much this week. Diolch Corben a da iawn!

Blwyddyn 6



Eco Fortnight

There is a buzz of excitement in B16 this week as we embark on our Eco Fortnight challenge. We are designing an interactive game that raises awareness of the challenges that polar bears face. We have been carrying out some research before our designs.

Brief

Smyths needs your help to create an interactive game that raises awareness of the challenges polar bears face in the Arctic due to climate change. Show how Polar bears hunt, find food and care for their cubs. the dangers faced and the impact this has on Polar bears. Can you design a fun and interactive game that can be used again and again to sell for children aged 8-12? The game will be sold for £15. Smyths are looking to make a large profit on the sales. Please pitch your idea via video entry: you must include a model (to scale) of your design.

Welsh Water Workshop

On Tuesday we took part in a workshop with Dwr Cymru. We imagined that we were engineers connecting a water supply for a new housing estate.

We connected the network using plastic tubes, we measured the length of the pipe needed to calculate the costs.



Star of the week: Llongyfarchiadau to Warren for all of your efforts this week.

Warren, you always strive to do your very best in everything that you do, continue being a role model to others. You were excellent during our Dwr Cymru workshop, supporting your peers during the challenge. Gwaith da!



Seren Yr Ythnos

Nursery - Alfie & Ayrin

Reception – Harrison

Year 1 – Sophia R

Year 2 – Aaria

Year 3 – Jacob Z

Year 4 – Arlo

Year 5 – Corben

Year 6— Warren

